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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the 2024-25 academic year, DCC!

Although we've all come off a summer in which (I hope) rest prevailed, let's pause for a minute and celebrate movement. Movement is an inevitable and essential part of life, offering new vantage points from which to see where you've been and where you're going. This year will move us all in ways predictable and unpredictable—let's go with and/or direct the flow as we can, despite all the uncertainties and anxieties that movement implies. My wish for DCC students is that the program we share will move you in ways intellectual, social, and creative!

Of course, movement is both metaphorical and literal. I'm mostly speaking to the metaphorical dimensions of movement, but I share the literal sense of movement with UMD undergraduate students for the first time in almost a decade. The week before classes started, I committed the cardinal sin of an academic: I moved! I've moved every 7 years or so of my post-college life, so I've come to appreciate the fresh start that literal movement offers. Finding yourself in a new space inevitably sparks new orientations, interests, and relationships. I'm excited to see where my new digs take me, just as I suspect many of you are hoping that a new space in Pfreddy will move you in new directions.

What will the fresh start mean for our Omicron class? Many of them moved into Pfreddy a couple of weeks ago—and our new commuter students will be moving back and forth to Pfreddy almost everyday. Among the spaces to explore in Pfreddy is the Makerspace, a standing invitation for invention and collaboration. Pfreddy-adjacent, just up the way, is the Sound Studio in Taliaferro, which is going to host some spectacular moments this year.

What will the fresh start mean for our Xi class? They moved back to Pfreddy's hallowed halls as grizzled DCC veterans. But their intellectual movement toward their Capstone projects perhaps overshadows their literal movement back into the halls; I'm so excited to see what Xi students produce with a year of concerted effort. They helped set records for Makerspace and Sound Studio attendance last year, which I suspect may be bested this year.

How privileged we all are to think about fresh starts like this; let's appreciate the opportunity we each have to reinvent ourselves, to invigorate our community with new participants, and to push DCC in exciting new directions! Thank you to Dr. Lu (and welcome back!!) and program GTAs Jonathan Reyes, Jin Choi, and Ananya Kaipa for a stellar Welcome Weekend and start to our school year. And, of course, thanks to the Honors College, ARHU, and everyone else at UMD who helps make DCC possible. May DCC move us all this year!

- Damien
DCC Director

NEW 2024-2025 DCC FAMILIES ANNOUNCED

The DCC Families competition is a friendly year-long student engagement contest and officially began Sunday, August 25. We announced the rosters for this year's DCC families at our annual Sunday Bingo Welcome Weekend event, along with some new changes!

- Each Family includes one returning StuCo member among its roster: **Habib Camara (Lotus)**, **Elliot Gerig (Maple)**, **Priya Nayak (Ivy)**, **Aashika Balaji (Catcus)**, and **Adam Zennia (Willow)**. Please be encouraged to get in touch with your Family's second-year StuCo rep if you have any questions or concerns about DCC and/or life on campus.
- Point-earning ends on **April 30, 2025**.
- The Family with the most points will be announced at the 2025 Capstone Fair in the spring and will receive an end-of-year celebration.
- **NEW!** The **top 5 point-earners** across all five Families (instead of the top 3 earners from the winning Family) will receive a DCC prize pack.

HOW DO I EARN FAMILY POINTS?



- Tag @umd_dcc on Instagram when sharing creative activities: **10 points**
- Attend the annual TerpZone Takeover: **25 points**
- Visit the Makerspace or SoundStudio: **15 points**
- Attend a TeachMe Thursday: **25 points**
- Complete a Design Camp: **200 points**
- Report a major campus scholarship or award: **50 points**
- Attend the DCC Capstone Awards Ceremony: **50 points**
- Represent DCC in Admissions recruitment (Spring 2025): **100 points**
- Submit a design to the DCC Design Tourney (February 2025): **100 points**
- Win the DCC Design Tourney: **300 points**
- Participate in StuCo-sponsored events/competitions: **points vary**
- Work with CIR Lily Gallihue: **1000+ points**
- More opportunities will be added to the list as the year progresses!

DCC LAUNCHES SECOND YEAR OF CREATIVE-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM WITH ALUM LILY GALLIHUE



Hi everyone! I'm Lily Gallihue, this year's Creative-In-Residence. You might know me as a Mu-class member and the SoundStudio Manager from the past two years. I'm excited to invite you to join me in creating **Seedlings, an arts and tech festival focused on climate action and our natural world**. We welcome all forms of creativity—music, dance, visual art, design, programming, and more. Even if you're not creating, we need help with social media, posters, and administration!

Our efforts will culminate in **a festival at Prince Frederick Hall in April**, where you can showcase your work to friends, family, and the campus community. If you have just a "seed" of an idea, don't worry—I have experience in directing, composing, designing, and more - and am eager to learn about your passions!

For inspiration, check out the NextNOW Fest happening September 4-10. And join us on **September 10th at 5 pm in the Makerspace** (basement of Prince Frederick Hall) for a kickoff event with snacks and brainstorming. **All DCC members are welcome. Omicrons**, this is a chance to meet new creatives and preview the Capstone Fair. **Xis**, if your Capstone involves environmental themes, this could be a great "dress rehearsal." **Nus and Mus**, you can continue to scratch that creative itch with another project!

No matter where you are in your creative and academic journey, we are united by our planet and our creativity. I'm honored to be your Creative-In-Residence and look forward to seeing you on September 10th!













OMICRON CLASS: RUN FOR STUDENT COUNCIL!

Members of StuCo take a lead role in shaping the culture of DCC's community, organizing monthly events to help relieve stress and build connection. They also work closely with DCC's core staff to gain experience in leadership, event planning, budget management, and more.

Elections for Omicron class student representatives will be held at the end of September. Stay tuned for more information to come! In the meanwhile, speak with Xi class student representatives to learn more about their experiences (Habib Camara, Elliot Gerig, Priya Nayak, Aashika Balaji, and Adam Zennia).

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Have an issue or question and not sure who to contact? See below!

	Director Damien	Associate Director Dr. Lu	Graduate Assistant Jonathan	Graduate Assistant Jin
Course Registration				
Family Points/ Makerspace/ SoundStudio				
Instagram/ Newsletter				
Capstone				
Staff positions/ hiring				
Event ideas				
Independent Study				
Citation/ program status				
Merch/Alumni				
Letters of Rec	ter.ps/dccrecs			
Supplies/ Equipment requests	ter.ps/dccrequest			

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MAKE WITH US!

MAKERSPACE

Location:

Prince Frederick Hall 0111

*** Opening Night: ***
Thurs., Sep. 5, 7pm-midnight

Regular Hours:

Mondays and Thursdays,
7pm-midnight

Student Managers:

Tracy & Julie



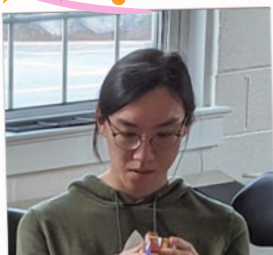
TRACY



JULIE



MATEO



FREDERICK

F24 MAKERSPACE EVENTS

DESIGN CAMPS

(RSVPs required — [link](#))

- 10/14-15, 5-6:30pm Livecoding with Caroline
- 10/29, 7-8:30pm Fermentation with Damien
- 11/11, 5-6:30pm Introduction to Crochet with Tracy

TEACH ME THURSDAYS

(No RSVPs required)

- 9/26, 7-9pm Cricut Cutting with Ash
- 11/21, 7-9pm Fluid Painting with Bryant

SOUNDSTUDIO

Location:

Taliaferro Hall 0135

*** Opening Night: ***
Wed., Sep. 4, 6-10pm

Regular Hours:

Mondays 3-7pm,
Wednesdays 6-10pm

Student Managers:

Mateo & Frederick



DCC EVERY DAY!



Stay active and involved with your DCC community! We have regular DCC events happening almost every single day of the week. Everyone is welcome!

MONDAY

SoundStudio 3-7pm

Makerspace 7pm-midnight

TUESDAY

Creative-in-Residence in
SoundStudio 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

SoundStudio 6-10pm

THURSDAY

Makerspace 7pm-midnight

FRIDAY

Make a new DCC friend!
(Not an official event..)

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

LET YOUR COMMUNITY
CELEBRATE YOU!
HAVE SOMETHING EXCITING TO
SHARE? SUBMIT TO
DCC-HONORS@UMD.EDU
BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

SEPTEMBER

2 — Elliot G., Adam Z., Xi

6 — Hannah G., Omicron

8 — Anna L., Xi

15 — Sunil P., Xi

19 — Utkarsh G., Sarah H., Xi

20 — Katherine B., Xi

22 — Celine B., Sarah W., Omicron

25 — Simon O., Xi

DCC FAMILIES CONTEST UPDATE

AS OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Overall Top 5 Earners: (1) **Noah Petroski** (2) **Samantha Tyles** (3) **Tracy Tan,**
Frederick Zheng (4) TBD (5) TBD

